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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 7, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Frank Smith (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 347, 3/2/2017; SB 254, 3/2/2017

00:00:02 Chair Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 254

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:21 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 254. Provide fees in statute for licensure as retail food establishment.

[EXHIBIT\(bus47a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:27 Brad Griffin, executive director, Montana Restaurant Association

00:05:00 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:05:28 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(bus47a02\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:29 Sen. Brown

00:07:23 Mr. Murphy, DPHHS

00:07:55 Sen. Facey

00:09:02 Mr. Murphy

00:09:11 Sen. Salomon

00:09:44 Mr. Murphy

00:09:50 Chair Buttrey

00:09:57 Sen. Brown

00:11:47 Sen. Blasdel redirect

00:12:14 Sen. Brown

00:13:44 Mr. Murphy

00:13:59 Chair Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:34 Sen. Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 347

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:22 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 347. Revising speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensing laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:09 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus47a03)

00:18:53 Lucy Hart-Paulson, speech-language pathologist; Montana Board of Speech-Language Pathologists/Audiologists (MBSLPA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:48 Sen. Brown

00:23:27 Ms. Hart-Paulson, MBSLPA

00:24:15 Sen. Facey

00:24:44 Ms. Hart-Paulson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:25 Rep. Jones

00:27:26 Chair Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:30 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus47aad.pdf](#))